(d) the steps being taken for avoiding such mistakes in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) Government have seen the news-item under reference. It is not true that the combination of the Home Minister's briefcase containing top secret documents for the trip was lost. There was no such incident. The Home Minister's briefing papers were safely with the Home Minister's staff. However, one of the suitcases which was being carried by a member of the delegation had a defective lock which was replaced.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

All Party meeting on Kashmir

1110. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are not abiding by its promise to convene all party meeting on Kashmir and consult the opposition to evolve a consensus;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government had not taken people into confidence over the developments in and around Kashmir; and

(c) if so, what is the reaction of Government to the above facts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) No Sir. All party meeting on Kashmir was convened by the Government on 21 February, 2001. The all party meetings regarding the Agra summit also touched on aspects of the Kashmir issue. Similarly the Government has been ascertaining the views of the people through different mechanisms including the offer of talks to various groups in J&K.